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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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Date of Decision :10.09.2024

Gurbax Singh @ Gurbaksh Singh**..Petitioner****Versus****State of Punjab****...Respondent****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI**

Present: Mr. Joginder Pal Devgan, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. T.P.S. Chawla, Senior DAG, Punjab.

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Harsimran Singh Sethi, J. (Oral)

A status report filed by the learned State counsel in the Court today is taken on record.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that though, the present petition has been filed for the grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.0007 dated 17.01.2021 registered under Sections 22,61,85 of the NDPS Act, 1985 at Police Station Ghanour, District Patiala but keeping in view the status report filed by the respondent-State, present petition may kindly be disposed of having been not pressed any further but a direction may kindly be issued to the trial Court to conclude the trial in a time bound manner so that the petitioner does not suffer indefinite incarceration.

Learned counsel for the respondent-State submits that out of the total 09 cited witnesses, 04 witnesses have already been examined and



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of 02 witnesses examination-in-chief has already been done and defence has taken time to cross-examine the said witnesses and he has no objection in case, trial Court is directed to conclude the trial in a time bound manner.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the present petitioner where the petitioner has already undergone more than 03 years of incarceration, trial Court is directed to conclude the trial within a period of 04 months from the next date of hearing, even if, short adjournments are to be given and the presence of the witnesses is ensured by passing appropriate orders. It is made clear that no further extension of time to conclude the trial will be given.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that defence will cooperate in concluding the trial in a time frame granted by this Court.

Present petition is disposed of in above terms.

September 10, 2024
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No